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WEATHER REPORT
Rain or Snow tonight and Thursday probably snow; warmer tonight; increasing south and southeast winds.
High tide: 3:22 a. m. and 3:55 p. m. Sun rose 7:23. Sun sets 4:49.

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CONSUMERS COMPLAIN

Quality of Gas and Low Pressure Cause of General Protest Throughout the Entire City

Consumers in Alexandria have for some time been complaining of the inferior quality of gas furnished by the city. The pressure is weak, while the quality is greatly inferior to gas furnished in bygone years. The matter was brought up in the City Common Council last week, when it was said the superintendent had been indisposed, which accounted, in a measure, for present conditions. Naphthaline gathers in the pipes, and this, it was alleged had much to do with the unsatisfactory conditions.

The trouble is believed to have its origin in the inferior quality of coal being used at the gas works and until the supply shall have been consumed and other supplies secured no improvement can be expected

During the discussion in the lower board of council it was stated that higher-priced coal than that now being used had been tried in past years and that the results showed no improvements

We have no intention of laying the blame upon any one. It is said that the superintendent worked during the best part of the night recently in attempts to produce a greater pressure at the works, but failed to secure more satisfactory results.

No doubt the experience of the past few months will be sufficient to caused the light committee to be careful in future in securing better supplies of coal. It is almost impossible to procure suitable gas coal at present. The clerk of gas has sent many letters in all directions, but there is no telling when orders can be filled at this season of the year.

The authorities are doing everything possible to relieve the situation.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Paragraphs Picked Up Here and There Throughout the State.

Flaming gasoline last Tuesday night caused about $10,000 damage to merchandise in the wholesale establishment of Cooper Bros., in the heart of the business district of Winchester. The flames spread so rapidly that the members of the firm and employes narrowly escaped being trapped. Newton Grove was severely burned. The fire was caused by vapor escaping while a tank was being repaired.

Jacob Campbell, 23 years old, a section workman of Timberville, Rockingham county, was struck by a Southern Railway freight train Monday night at New Market, Shenandoah county, and killed. He was sweeping the snow from the approach to a switch and did not hear the train. His widow, one child, his father and a number of brothers and sisters survive.

A. R. Bartenstein, 69 years old, deputy clerk of the Fauquier County Circuit Court died yesterday morning in Warrenton. He entered the county clerk's office when a mere youth as deputy to the late Robert H. Downman. On the death of Downman in 1891 Mr. Bartenstein was appointed by the late Judge Edward M. Spillman to fill the vacancy. At the election following he was elected to the clerkship, which he held continously until the consolidation of the county clerk and the circuit clerk's office in 1904, when he was appointed deputy clerk of the Circuit Court by John R. Turner, clerk of the court.

It took the jury but a few minutes Monday to acquit Dr. O. H. Purvis, of Cheraw, S. C., when he was tried in Richmond on the charge of transporting ardent spirits through Virginia from Baltimore to his home in South Carolina. Similar cases against E. L. Watson of the same place, and Charles Purcell, colored, of Hamlet, N. C., were dropped after the verdict in the Purvis case had been brought in.

Lynnhaven Bay Oysters on Half Shell, Pint or Gallon. Jacob Brill, Foot King Street.

Dressed Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks and Rabbits at the Schuler Beef Co., Market.

TO HONOR ALMA MATER

Thursday Evening of Next Week to be Observed as "University of Virginia Night."

Members of the alumni of the University of Virginia residing in Alexandria will be interested to learn that the alumni of that institution throughout the counry will observe Thursday evening, December 28th, as "University of Virginia night.'"

Extensive preparations in arranging appropriate celebrations for the observation of this event by Virginia alumni and students returning for their Christmas holidays, are being carried out. This universal and concentrated Virginia celebration comes about from an official proclamation issued by Hon. H. Snowden Marshall, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York and president of the General Alumni Association of the University of Virginia, which has been sent to every Virginia Alumni Chapter throughout the world.

Enthusiastic responses to the proclamation are being received by the general alumni secretary at the University and there is every indication that the larger cities in practically every state are arranging for a banquet, smoker, supper or informal gathering which will collect the alumni and students in this event to commemorate and honor their Alma Mater.

President Edwin A. Alderman is appointed a special student representative to every alumni chapter who will officially represent the University of Virginia on this occasion.

The officers of the Alexandria Alumni Chapter are Gardner L. Boothe, president and J. Randall Caton, jr., secretary and treasurer.

NO LET-UP BY BRITAIN

Earl Curzon Says War Will Go on With Utmost Vigor.

London, Dec 20—In presenting the policy of the Government in the House of Lords, Earl Curzon, who is a member of the New War Council said:

"The policy of the new Government is that the war must be conducted with the utmost prosecution; that there must be an ample return for all sacrifices; that full reparation must be made by the enemy for his countless crimes, and security given that those crimes will not be repeated and that the sacrifices made shall not have been in vain.

"The Government's aim is that the peace of Europe shall be re-established on the basis of the free and independent existence of nations, great and small, and that as regards this country it shall be free from the menace which the triumph of Germany and the German spirit would entail.

"Our answer to Germany's latest move must be swift and sure. It is not too much to ask the people to take upon themselves for a few months the obligations which Germany has imposed upon herself. The nation is fighting for its life and is entitled to the best and fullest service of its sons."

Alluding to the position of Roumania, Lord Curzon said that Germany's success was by no means so great as she was trying to make out.

"Evidence is forthcoming daily of the deserate straits of Germany at home and in the field," he said. "The position of the Central Powers is not so good as they would have the world believe. Our attitude should not be one of desondency or alarm."

Lord Cuzon spoke for an hour and 20 minutes and was followed by the Marquis of Crewe, Lord President of the Council in the late Government, who approved in general terms the policy outlined by his successor, Lord Curzon, touching peace.

Over $2,000,000 will be spent by the people of New York city for Christmas trees and green shrubbery this season according to a recent estimate. Most of it will come from Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire.

Fancy Lemons, doz. 15c. Florida Oranges, 30c & 25c doz. Grape Fruit 5c each. Schuler Beef Co., Market.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mrs. O. P. Angelo left today to visit relatives in East St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Dorothy Robins, left today to return to her home in Houston, Texas, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Doyle Brockett, at their home in north Washington street.

Fifty years ago last Monday Senator Benjamin F. Wade, of Ohio, presented a petition for the reannexation of the city and county of Alexandria to the District of Columbia. It was claimed to have been largely signed by citizens of both the city and county. The petition was laid on the table.

The official social season opened in Washington last night with President and Mrs. Wilson's reception to the judiciary. In former years the diplomatic reception opened the season but for the past two seasons the diplomats have been included in the other official affairs. There were over 1,000 guests other than the members of the judiciary and their wives. Representative and Mrs. Charles Creighton Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bradley Hard and Mr. Wilmer Joyce Waller were among the Alexandrians present The Marine band played during the evening and supper was served in the state dining room.

Mrs. C. Hubert Fox has returned to her home in Lynchburg after a visit to Mrs. James D. Fauntleroy, at her home, 1000 Prince street.

There were no cases for trial before the Police Court this morning. Deputy Marshal Schoeni yesterday brought James E. Keady, 18 years old, from Fairfax, to this city and placed him in the station house. Keady is charged with escaping from Occoquan Workhouse and stealing an automobile. He was arrested later in Pennsylvania. He will be brought before the United State District Court next month.

In this season of rush in buying Christmas presents and appeals for aid from the various charities the Salvation Army should not be overlooked. The kettle has been on the northwest corner of King and Royal streets for several days and if each passerby would drop in one penny, if no more, in a day quite a nice little sum would be realized. This organization does a great deal of good, especially at Christmas time they relieve a number of cases of want that do not come under the observation of the church and the co-operative charities. They appreciate small contributions yet a check for a generous amount would be of the greatest benefit.

Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120, A. F. and A. M., will hold its annual election of officers tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Masonic Temple.

The rehearsal for the ministrel which will be given by the members of Seminole Tribe of Red Men of this city will be held on Friday evening of this week, instead of Saturday evening, in the Young Peoples' Building at 8 o'clock.

Hon. Chas. M. Broun, Mayor of Roanoke, was in the city today. Mr. Broun, who is also special examiner for the State Corporation Commissioner came to Alexandria to confer with attorneys in the case of Jones and others vs. the Alexandria Water Company, in regard to taking further testimony in the case on the questions of rates and fire protection.

Reliance Engine Company elected executive officers last night as follow; L. E. Uhler, president; J. Sid Douglass, vice president; J. Frank Ballinger, second vice president; John Scofield, secretary; G. Fred Birrell, assistant secretary; Archie Fair, treasurer; H. E. Schwab, recorder; The active officers are: Kenneth W. Ogden, captain; Wm. Glasgow, first lieutenant; Conrad Schwab, second lieutenant; Harry Padgett, commander of hose.

TURKEY DEFIES RUSSIA.

Foreign Minister Points to Flag In Roumanian Passes as Answer to Talk of Conquest.

Berlin, Dec. 20. —The Overseas News Agency yesterday gave out for publication a Constantinople dispatch containing a speech of the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Halil Bay, before Parliament, dealing with a recent address made before the Russian Duma, by Prime Minister Trepoff concerniing the agreement between the Entente Allies with regard to the disposition of Constantinople after the war.

"The Russian Minister Trepoff," Halil Bey is quoted as having said, "considered it necessary, after the breakdown of Roumania, to delude the downhearted Russian people by holding before their eyes a dream of the conquest of Constantinople. He declared that France and England agreed with Russia to support Russia's despotism over Constantinople, and that the Russian people must know why they were shedding their blood.

"We have not the habit of bragging We answer the fantastic ideas of Trepoff with a reality of facts, and we thank God that he has allowed our flags to wave victoriously on the Roumanian passes—that is, on the shortest road from Russia to Constantinople. They commenced this war drunk with ambitious pretense and pursuing fantastic plans. We fight and we march on the way of truth, and will continue to do so, confiding in the Almighty and supported by the force of our army and sacrifice of our nation. We are ready for peace but are prepared for war."

VIRGINIA NEWS

Lying in three fathoms of water three miles southwest of Thimbles Shoals light, where she struck after being rammed by the British tank steamer Telena last week, the Merchants and Miners' steamship Powhatan was so badly battered by high seas and wind early yesterday morning that Captain Chase and his crew of 21 men, and Capt. J. J. Carlson and his wrecking crew of five, were taken off by the coast guard cutter Yamacraw. The storm Monday night reached such alarming heights that wireless calls for assistance were sent out by the Powhatan Under the lashing of high seas the Powhatan sank deeper and deeper, and tonight she was about eight feet further down than before the storm broke.

Eighty towns in the state of New York have voted to exclude liquor selling during the past year. Over half of the towns in the state are now i nthe "dry" list.

Our Country Sausage (all pork) cannot be excelled. 18c per lb. Schuler Beef Co., Market.

'LONG THE RIO GRANDE

(Composed by Corporal Louis N. Dixon, with the District National Guards on the Border.)

With his mind well on his duty in answer to country's call
To defend his home and honor, and, if need be, there to fall,
He trumped among the cactus, 'mid the pebbles and the sand,
A true and watchful sentry 'long the famous Rio Grande.

The golden sun now setting o'er the western mountain sky,
With nature's grandeurs 'round him thrills his heart with love and hope;
His youthful life, now rugged, gave him strength for self command
To face the dangers lurking 'long the famous Rio Grande.

In his hand he holds a picture of a mother, old and gray,
Who gave to him her blessing when he left that fatal day.
He told her not to worry, as he kissed her wrinkled hand,
Her love and prayer would bless him 'long the famous Rio Grande.

His post, though fraught with peril, had no terrors now for him,
And thought of home and mother made him long true fame to win;
And he heeded not the dangers of that bandit-stricken land
Though watchful and vigilant 'long the famous Rio Grande.

He'll keep step with precision 'long the scorching, sandy plain,
And his gaze beyond the river, in his heart love's sweet refrain.
A gunshot rends the heavens from a lurking Villa band
And ends for him his duty 'long the famous Rio Grande.

He was only a plain soldier, a private, a volunteer,
One of the country's heroes often mentioned with a sneer,
Who bared his breast to bullets, answering duty's demand
Gave his life for his country 'long the famous Rio Grande.

Now a mother, sad and lonely, by the dear old fireside
Gazes down upon his picture with a mother's love and pride,
When the letter came a-telling of his youthful life now stranded,
How he fell in faithful service along the famous Rio Grande.

Her eyes grow dim and tearful, he's a child upon her knee,
In her heart a deathless longing his dear face once more to see;
She sits in woeful silence, her grief more than she can stand,
Then goes to join her loved one beyond the famous Rio Grande.

The Dan River and Riverside Cotton Mills Company at Danville announced yesterday that all employes with the corporation for the past year would get a bonus of 5 per cent on their year's earnings Saturday. As next Saturday is the regular fortnightly pay day, the mill hands will get slightly over a month's pay with which to enjoy Christmas. The company also announced that on January 16 common stockholders would receive a special dividend of 5 per cent.

Aunt Jemima's Buckwheat, or Pancake Flour, 3 pkgs. for 25c at the Schuler Beef Co., Market.

VOTE ON DRY BILL TODAY

Senate Defeats Referendum Amendment to District of Columbia Measure.

The way was cleared in the Senate yesterday for a final vote on Senator Sheppard's bill for prohibition in the District of Columbia, and unless there is an unexpected filibuster it will be put on passage tomorrow. Friends of the measure expect it to pass.

The main fight came over Senator Underwood's amendment, providing a referendum of the question to District residents. After many minor changes had been made in its phraseology, the amendment was beaten in committee of the whole by 38 to 38.

Senator Underwood gave notice that he would ask for a separate vote on it when the bill with amendments came up for final action. Advocates of the referendum still were hopeful last night that the necessary majority could be found.

There is little change that the tie can be broken by Vice-President Marshall, since he was to leave Washington before the Senate convenes today.

Senator Sheppard showed a disposition to press for a final vote last night, but there was evidence that any attempt to do would result in a filibuster, and after much parliamentary maneuvering the Senate went into executive session and left the bill to take the ordinary course today

Before the vote on the referendum the Senate adopted 54 to 15, a change suggested by Senator Williams, which would permit all persons "regardless of sex" to participate and approved also amendments confining suffrage to the literate and those who are not delinquent in tax payments, and extending it to residents of other states domiciled in the District.

GAS KILLS A PREACHER.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 19.—While turning off a light in his bedroom, one night last week, Rev. William H. Stimmel, a local preacher, accidentally turned on the gas from another jet used for heating purposes, and was later found dead in his chair by his wife, who was attracted to the upper portion of the house by the smell of gas. He was 81 years of age.

The Gazette desires to call attention to the announcements of its advertisers which are appearing in its daily editions. Holiday purchasers will do well to read them and then act upon the suggestions found therein. Alexandria's merchants have made due preparations for the holiday trade and their stores will be found full of staple and fancy goods at attractive prices.

Veal Cutlets, 25c Chops 20c per lb. Sirloin Steak, 20c, Tenderloin 25c per lb. Schuler Beef Co., Market.

WILL GET NO INCREASE

House Knocks Out Some of the Recommendations For District of Columbia Employees.

Although it is practically assured that District of Columbia employes receiving less than $1800 a year will be voted a general salary increase, the House today overturned some of the legislative recommendations presented by the Appropriations Committee in the District appropriation bill.

At the very outset of the debate a point of order was sustained against the $1,000 increase in the salary of the three Commissioners.

In quick succession, points of order were also upheld against legislative riders for the creation of a license bureau and changing existing law relating to the tax assessor's office.

Congressman Cox of Indiana made the point of order against the Commissioner's salaries, and Mr. Mann knocked out the two legislative riders.

Following out his policies of raising points of order against all legislative riders in the bill, Mr. Mann eliminated a provision requiring a statement of "true consideration" in all deeds filed in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Mann also knocked out the legislative provision that hereafter rejection by the Senate of the nomination of any member of the Excise Board shall automatically terminate his employment.

NATURAL RESOURCES.

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Asked to Vote on Combination Question.

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce has been asked to express itself as to whether or not combinations to conserve natural resources shall be permitted. The question—of particular importance to consumers, producers, and operators—is submitted through a referendum sent by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, of which the Chamber of Commerce of Alexandria is an affiliated member. In the canvass now being made upwards of eight hundred local and national commercial bodies will be heard from. The vote will represent every state in the Union, our insular possessions, and dthe American chamber of commerce in the principal cities abroad.

As explained by Mr. J. T. Preston, secretary, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce is asked to vote for or against the report of a special committee of the National Chamber which recommends that there shall be remedial legislation to permit cooperative agreements under federal supervision in those industries which involve primary natural resources—on condition that the agreements in fact tend to conserve the resources, to lessen accidents, and to promote the public interest.

GERMANS HELD ON DANUBE.

Russo-Roumanians Repulse Attacks In Parlata Region.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—Repulse of enemy attacks by Russo-Roumanian troops on the left bank of the Danube in the region of Parlata are reported in today's official statement.

Flank fighting was more intense than usual on the Dobrudja front the statement said.

"On the Macedonian front there was intense fighting in the region of the villages of Carna, Centrak, and Umachea," the statement read.

"The enemy was driven back after a half hour bombardment and heavy artillery attack southwest of Brody."

"Repeated attempts of the enemy to advance were unsuccessful."

Armor Plant Site Board.

Admiral F. F. Fletcher, is chairman of a special board named yesterday by Secretary of the Navy Daniels to pass upon sites considered for the new $11,000,000 government armor plate plant. The other members are Commander Frank H. Clarke and Reuben E. Dakenhas, a civil engineer.

Maine and Michigan Potatoes 35c pk. at the Schuler Beef Co., Market.

LORD GEORGE'S REPLY

Premier's Speech Yesterday Appeals to the Great Majority of the People of Great Britain.

London, Dec. 20.—The allies have not slammed the door on peace; they have simply said to Germany; "Here are our terms; take them or leave them. It is your move—but don't come again in the role of a victor."

This was the universal British view today, when the public had an opportunity to digest the full meaning of Premier Lloyd George's speech in Commons. The public interpretation was that Lloyd George had furnished Von Bethmann-Hollweg an opportunity to demonstrate his sincerity. If Germany really desires peace, they argued, she now knows how to go about it.

Incidentally, it was remarked here today how adroitly and strikingly Lloyd-George had destroyed Germany's illusion that England is dominating the policies of the Entente nations. The Premier, it was recalled, had stated at the outset that Russia and France, acting independently and separately, had reached the conclusion to which England was now acceding.

Lloyd-George's plan for universal national service and civilian mobilization, molding the nation into an army behind the army, was popularly accepted today as though it were the simplest routine of peace times.

Not a complaint, not the slightest thought of opposition was manifest.

The press and the man in the street reflected the universal sentiment. "The country's with Lloyd George; what does he want us to do?"

Impending nationalization of shipping and mines has been anticipated for some time as the Welsh miners alone had objected to nationalization of their fields. Taking over of shipping by the government had likewise been expected as commerce has long been the target of measures by those seeking to cut down war profits.

Everywhere the new plans were regarded as "out-German-ing the Germans" in a concentrated, communized effort to swing all resources to the war

BACHELORS AND HOMES.

Makes No Difference Whether They Live With Families or Not, Judge States.

Norfolk, Va. Dec. 20.— Bachelors, whether living with their families or not, have homes under the prohibition law, and are entitled to "the privileges and immunities" of other men under that law, according to instructions to a jury given Monday by Judge Allan R. Hanckel, of the Corporation Court

The instructions, given in the case of E. L. Mahoney, a former liquor dealer of Norfolk, were as follows:

"The court instructs the jury that a man, though unmarried and having no family of his own, may have a 'home' within the meaning of the State prohibition law and is entitled to the privileges and immunities there by allowed."

Instructions upholding the contention of the Prohibition Commissioner that the phrase "a permanent residence of a man and his family" means that a man without family has no home under the law and cannot, therefore, keep ardent spirits in his possession were not allowed by the court.

The jury, after being out several hours, was unable to reach a verdict, and was discharged.

Mrs. Harriotte Lee Taliaferro, aged 76 years, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Wyche, in Berkeley, Cal. The funeral will take place from Christ Church Saturday afternoon, and burial will be in Christ Church cemetery, this city. Mrs. Taliaferro's other children are Mr. T. Seddon Taliaferro, of Rock Spring, Wyoming and Mrs. Jeffry Montague, of Richmond.

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PEACE PLANS HANG FIRE.

As had been anticipated, England, France and Russia have rejected the proposals of the Kaiser looking toward peace, although the trio have left apertures for the entry of further suggestions. It was not expected that the belligerents would bite immediately at the bait, as Germany failed to stipulate terms while posing as the victor in the present war.

Both the allies and the Central powers want peace; there can be no doubt of that, and it is generally believed Germany was sincere when she broached the subject. It is also believed that the Kaiser's terms will prove more conservative than is generally supposed when he is forced to show his hand; hence Germany's answer to the interrogations of her enemies is awaited with interest.

The present war has been carried on for two years. According to statements made in London and Berlin, about nine million persons have been killed and permanently disabled. The victims have been the flower of the belligerents. While crape has been placed upon myriads of homes, distress has been brought to the warring nations in many forms. Scarcity of food has long been felt, and should hostilities continue two more years the nations envolved will be practically ruined.

Cities and towns have been destroyed and fertile places of the earth been made desolate.

Many people in positions to know believe peace is in the air, and that the rejection by the allies of the first move toward closing the ending the war is not to be the last of Germany's efforts to restore tranquility in Europe.

HOW SOME WARS HAVE ENDED

The overtures for peace made by Germany have given rise to an interesting discussion of how wars are ended. The ways of ending such conflicts are numerous and varied.

The New York Times a few days ago published an exceedingly interesting summary of how various wars have been brought to an end among them those concerning the United States.

When England desired to end the war with the Colonies, she began by sending separate negotiators to the French government and to the American commissioners in Paris. The latter, though positively commanded by Congress to negotiate no peace without the participation of their French allies, did sign a separate treaty, though with the reservation that it should not go into effect until France had made peace. They then informed the French government, which accepted the terms.

The war to the peace of Ghent, which ended the War of 1812, was paved by, an offer of the Czar to act as mediator, though it was rejected. In rejecting it, Lord Castlereagh left it be known that he was willing to negotiate directly with the United States. The United States gladly accepted and sent commissioners, but England neglected to appoint envoys until long afterward, when her troubles had become so great that she was desirous of peace.

In the Mexican war President Folk was always anxious for peace, but his envoys were not accepted. At last he went so far as to send an envoy, Nicholas P. Trist, along with Scott's army, authorized to treat with Mexico the moment that country was willing, to do so. Scott quarreled with Trist, and refused to transmit his letter to the Mexican government, and Trist had to get the British minister to forward it. After repeated failures and rebuffs, he finally got in touch with commissioners appointed by a new government which had succeeded Santa Anna, but not until Polk had ordered his recall. He disregarded this order and negotiated the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Nicholas P. Trist it will be remembered, was a resident of Alexandria for a number of years. He was postmaster in this city during the early part of the forties.

The terms of peace between the United States and the Confederacy were arrangd by generals in the field.

The Spanish-American war of 1898 closed when Spain, on July 26, made overtures to the United States through Cambon, the French ambassador at Washington. Seventeen days later the protocol was signed.

President Roosevelt brought the Russo-Japanese war to an end by sending, on June 8, 1905, identic dispatches to both governments urging that they enter into peace negotiations. Both accepted and sent envoys to the United States to negotiate the treaty of Portsmouth.

BOTH SIDES LOOK TO HEAVEN.

In a speech by Emperor William on December 14 to the troops commanded by Gen. D'Elsa in Lorraine, he is quoted as saying:

"The brave endurance and iron tenacity with which you have repulsed all enemies on all fronts for years has made it possible for me to address to my adversaries a proposal for peace negotiations. Whether they will accept I do not know, and the result is uncertain. The act is in God's hands, as is our whole struggle. He will decide upon it, and we will leave it to Him. We must not argue with what He orders. We will be grateful to Him that we have thus far the honor of being His instruments in the divine judgment that has come upon our enemies. Let the decision fall as it will. The hewing will proceed further until our adversaries have had enough."

Lloyd George, the British Premier, yesterday in replying to Germany's peace feelers quoted the declaration made by Abraham Lincoln when he was harassed by frantic appeals in behalf of a premature and unstable peace:

"The war will end when its object has been attained under God; it will never end until we achieve the object."

RAILROADS

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Trains leave Union Station, Alexandria.

7:37 A. M., Daily—Local between Washington and Danville, delivers connection daily except Sunday at Orange to C. and O., No. 403 for Gordonsville and Richmond.

8:47 A. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations, Buffet parlor car.

9:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.

10:22 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and Sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham. Sleeping car Salisburg to Ashville. Coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville Greensboro, and Charlotte.

4:22 P. M. Daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.

4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, and Augusta. Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service Tourist to California daily.

4:02 P. M.—Daily local for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

5:22 P. M. Local for Warrenton.

7:17 P. M. Daily—Augusta Special Through train with sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Through Sleeping cars to Ashville.

10:02 P. M. Daily—Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville Chattanooga. Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke Dining car service.

11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining car service.

4:27 A. M. Daily—Memphis special, sleeping cars and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m.

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Twenty-five million dollars was appropriated by the legislative, executive and judicial bill was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday when the legislative, executive and judicial bill was passed tween $1,800 and $1,200 a year and a granting of one year's salary increase, 10 per cent salary increase to those to government employes throughout the United States receiving less than $1,200.

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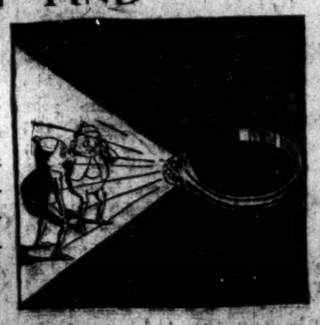

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Boston went "license" yesterday by the surprising majority of 23,000 in a total vote of 84,000, the largest ever cast on the license question. The vote was: Yes, 53,459; no, 29,462. There were 2,000 fewer "no" votes than in 1915. The majority was one of the greatest in Boston's history. High-water mark was reached in 1905, with a majority of 28,613. The next highest majority for license was in 1910, when the Fitzgerald-Storrow majority contest attracted the highest percentage ever registered in the poll history of the city. The majority for license that year was 27,122.

England it is said, plans to relieve her shortage of food by the establishment of a "safety food lane" between New Brunswick and Liverpool. The lane will be patrolled constantly by battleships to prevent submarine activity. It is planned to ship food from New York to St. Johns and New Brunswick, and there transfer it to steamers which will ply the safety lane

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Eastern District of Virginia.

Whereas, on the 19th day of December, 1916, Hiram M. Smith, assistant United States attorney filed a libel in the District court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, against the twenty-five cases canned Sardines, more or less in a cause of violation pure food and drug act, June 30th, 1906, Civil.

And whereas, by virtue of process in due form of law, to me directed, returnable on the 26th day of December, 1916, I have seized and taken the said twenty cases canned Sardines and have them in my custody.

Notice is hereby given, that a District Court will be held in the United States Court Room, in the City of Alexandria, Va.,

On the 29th day of December, 1916, for the trial of said premises, and the owner or owners, and all persons who may have or claim any interest, are hereby cited to be and appear at the time and place aforesaid, to show cause, if any they have, why a final decree should not pass as prayed.

JOHN G. SAUNDERS.
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Dec. 20th, 1916 297-1t

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No. 63737,

Analysis of one sample of Beverage, received from the Purity Extract and Tonic Co., Inc., Chattanooga, Tenn. Marked "Reif's Special".

The sample as received contains:

Specific Gravity	1.017 per ct.
Total Solids	4.896 per ct.
Extractive Matter	4.610 per ct.
Alcohol by Volume	.370 per ct.
Alcohol by Weight	.300 per ct.
Ash	.132 per ct.
Sulphuric Acid	.017 per ct.
Phosphoric Acid	.031 per ct.
Nitrogen	.023 per ct.
Equal to Albuminoids (Nx6.25)	.143 per ct.
Acidity as Lactic Acid	.090 per ct.
Preservatives	None

From the results of our analysis and tests we conclude that this beverage has been made without the use of malt.

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Switzer Chees Sandwich	5c	Pork and Beans	10c
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VIRGINIA NEWS

The first "hard cider" case under the new Prohibition law has come up in Rockingham county. J. Calvin Bare, of Genoa, has been summoned before a magistrate to answer to the charge of having stored too much cider with too great a "kick" in it. Sheriff Croushorn found upon investigation that Bare had 75 gallons of cider stored. The Sheriff sent specimens to the State chemist in Richmond, who analyzed it and found it contained from 2.89 to 5.51 per cent. alcohol. The law allows only 1 per cent. Mr. Bare told the Sheriff that he was making vinegar. The Sheriff also found three gallons of molasses in the shanty. Knowing ones say that cider and molasses are two essential ingredients of the famous "old hen" drink that has become so popular in the mountains of "dry" states, and which, it is reported, kicks harder than any brand of orthodox booze known to commerce.

A contract amounting to $500,000 for the erection of 500 additional cottages in Hopewell, has just been let by the Du Pont Company. These houses, it is said, supply only one-fourth of the actual need at the present time by the employes of the big factory. The great demand for fabricoid, in addition to munitions, it is stated, is rapidly making this plant one of the greatest in the United States and assuring the permanency and steady growth of this city. Hundreds of men are being added to the payroll daily, according to report. F. W. Woolworth and Co., of New York, have leased for 10 years the ground floor of the big building being erected at Broadway and Hopewell street by M. A. Finn.

Officers of the Danville Realty Corporation, indicted two weeks ago for operating the Hotel Dan as a disorderly house, were exonerated yesterday in police court The two witnesses on whom the commonwealth was relying were not present and the other witnesses gave no damaging evidence. The Mayor threw the cases out of court without hearing witnesses for the defense.

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Walter C. Dameron of N. Columbus Street, Tells of an Interesting Experience

There is nothing like a talk with one of our own citizens for giving hope and encouragement to the anxious sufferer from the dread kidney disease. We therefore, give here an interview with an Alexandria man:

Mr. Dameron, says: "My back hurt so badly that often I had to lay off from work. After I got down, I couldn't straighten up again without sharp pains catching me across my kidneys. There was hardly a night passed that my back didn't ache. My kidneys acted too frequently and during the night I had to get up every little while. When morning came, I felt so tired and weak that I could hardly drag myself out of bed. I doctored and tried different medicine but felt no better until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Henry Callan's Drug Store. I took about six boxes in all and since then I have had but little trouble from my kidneys and have felt like a different person."

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Flour, sack, 12 lb.	60c
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Flour by the Barrel	$9.00
Gold Medal Buckwheat,	10c
Sauer Kraut, qt.	15c
Sauer Kraut, cans, each	12c
Oranges .. 15, 20, and	30c
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Rex Beans, 3 cans for	25c
Large Lemons, per doz.	20c
25c can Asparagus for	15c
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Fruit Cake, lb.	22c
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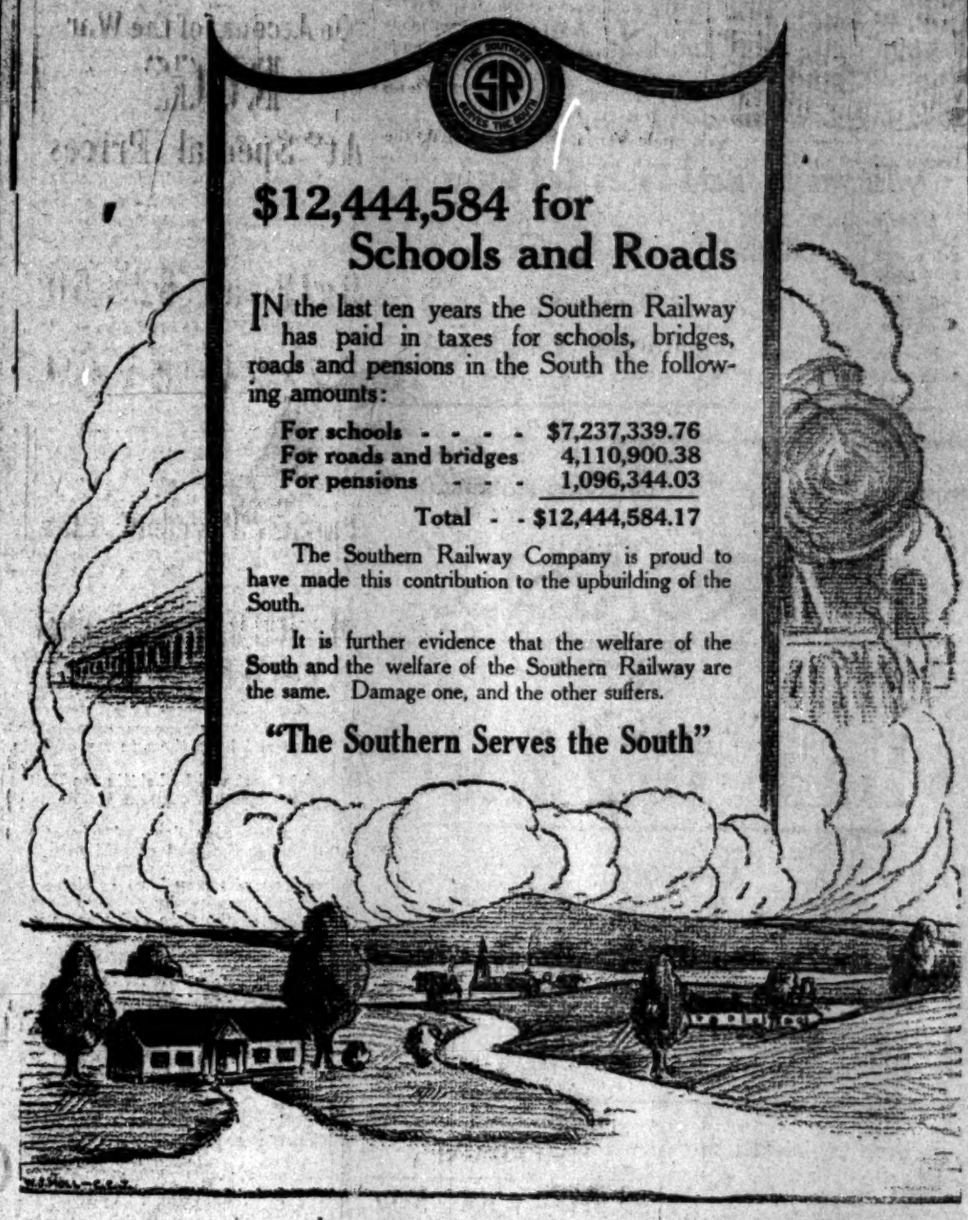

$12,444,584 for Schools and Roads

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For roads and bridges	4,110,900.38
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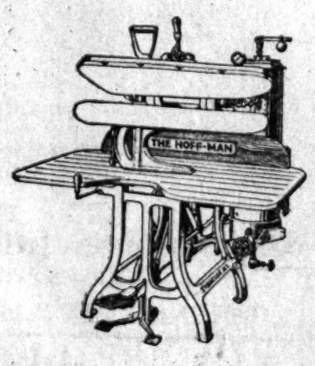

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ANNUAL MEETINGS

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Wilkes and Royal streets, Alexandria, Virginia, December 30th, 1916, at 8.30 a. m. By order of the president

A. S. MANKIN, Secretary.

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NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 8, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M.

WALTER ROBERTS, President.

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LEGAL NOTICE

A meeting of the stockholders of Williams, Belmont and Co., Incorporated, will be held at the principal office of the Company, 128 S. Fairfax Street, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 26th day of December, 1916, at 11:00 o'clock a. m.

The object of the meeting is to amend section 4 of the Charter of the Corporation and to provide for an increase of Capital stock to the total amount of $480,000., of which 37,500 shares of the par value of $10.00 each shall be preferred stock, and 52,500 shares of the par value of $2.00 each shall be common stock. And further to provide conditions and rules relating to said stock.

B order of the Board of Directors

JOSEPH H. SCHOENBERGER, Secretary.

J. K. M. Norton, Attorney 289,12t.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

First National Bank,
Alexandria, Virginia,
December 9th, 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at eleven o'clock, a. m., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEORGE E. WARFIELD, Cashier.

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NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

The Citizens National Bank
Alexandria, Va.
December 9th 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January the 9th, 1917., between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.

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ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 9, 1916—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 9th day of January 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier,

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the District of Columbia Paper Mfg. Company will be held at the principal office of the Company, No. 111 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., on Monday January 15th, 1917, between the hours of 12:00 o'clock M. and 1:00 p. m., to elect directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any business that may be properly presented at the meeting.

A. B. TOLSON, Asst. Secretary.

Dec 14-21-28-Jan-4.

LEGAL NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation proposes to reduce its maximum authorized capital stock from three hundred thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars, and the amount of its stock actually issued and outstanding from three hundred thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars.

The stock now issued and outstanding, having a par value of three hundred thousand dollars, will be turned in and cancelled and in lieu thereof one share will be issued to the stockholders for each ten shares cancelled.

L. E. SMOOT, President.

Attest: J. A. Saltsman, Secretary.

December 14-19-26.

NOTICE

At the next meeting of Alexandria Nest No. 1779 Order of Owls to be held Tuesday night December 19th in Eagles Hall there will be election of officers, a full attendance of membership is requested. By order of the Nest.

R. P. WHITESTONE, President.
William H. Thorpe, Secy.

REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

England, France and Russia Utter Defiances to Germany.

London, Dec. 20.—The announcement in the house of commons yesterday by David Lloyd George, the new prime minister, that the first act of his administration was the rejection of the proposal of the central powers for a peace conference constituted one of the most momentous scenes which the oldest parliamentary veterans had ever witnessed.

The new premier declared that before the allies could give favorable consideration to such an invitation, they must know that Germany was prepared to accede to the allies' terms, giving "complete restitution, full reparations and effectual guarantees," and to enter a conference upon the "invitation' of Germany, proclaiming herself victorious, without any knowledge of her proposals would be putting our heads into a noose with the end of the rope in Germany's hands."

Mr. Lloyd George asserted that at the moment Germany was penning the note, assuring her convictions as to the rights of other nations, she was dragging Belgians into slavery.

He announced that the note presented through Washington contained no proposals of terms, but was a paraphrase of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech, and that the allies had separately concluded to reject it, although they had informally exchanged views, and would within a few days present a joint reply.

Mr. Asquith, the former premier, seconded Mr. Lloyd George's decision with even stronger words.

The striking sentences in the Prime Minister's reply are as follows:

Without reparation peace is impossible.

Note and Hollweg speech afford small hope for honorable and lasting peace.

Only end of war must be complete guarantee against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe.

Will wait until we hear that terms and guarantees there are surer than those which Germany broke.

Have all the outrages on land and sea been liquidated by a few pious phrases about humanity?

To enter into proposals of which we have not knowledge would be to put our head into a noose with the rope end in Germany's hands.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Premier Briand announced in the senate yesterday that the entente allies would send today, a concerted reply making known "to the central powers that it is impossible to take their request for peace seriously"

London, Dec. 20.—The council of the Russian empire yesterday adopted an order of the day identical with that passed by the duma, declaring the council unanimously in favor of refusing to enter under present conditions into any peace negotiations with Germany, says a dispatch from Petrograd.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The first official impression here of Lloyd George's reply to the German peace proposals, with the announcement of Russia, Italy and France, is that it does not preclude further moves which might look to a discussion of peace such as the central powers have suggested.

This view is held by officials of the administration and of the German embassy.

Official Washington practically is unanimous, however, in the opinion that the British premier's speech has shown that any positive action by the United States toward mediation not only would be premature but might embarrass such action later.

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WILL TAKE CARE OF TRAVEL.

Southern Railway Company Will Provide Facilities for Holiday Season.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20. —In order to take care of the increased travel incident to the Christmas holiday season and also to provide adequate facilities for handling the large volume of mail and express, the Southern Railway has arranged to operate trains 37 and 38 in two sections between Washington and Atlanta, December 15 to 25th inclusive, and trains 35 and 36 in two sections between Washington and Atlanta December 17 to 24th inclusive. The first sections of these trains will carry passengers exclusively and will be operated on the regular schedules now in effect, the second section to follow fifteen minutes later with the baggage and mail. Extra equipment will be provided on these trains and arrangements also have been made to handle additional equipment in trains 29 and 30 between Atlanta and Washington, trains 42 and 43 between Atlanta and Charlotte, trains 23 and 24 between Atlanta and Jacksonville, and on other trains additional sleeping cars and coaches will be added as the travel may demand.

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P. M.—12 15, 12 30, 12 45, 1 00, 1 15, 1 30, 1 45, 2 00, 2 15, 2 30, 2 45, 3 00, 3 15, 3 30, 3 45, 4 00, 4 15, 4 30, 4 45, 5 00, 5 15, 5 30, 5 45, 6 00, 6 15, 6 30, 6 45, 7 00, 7 30, 7 45, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 00, 11 55.
Sundays and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5 00, 5 45, 6 00, 6 30, 6 45, 7 00, 7 15, 7 30, 7 45, 8 00 and 8 15 A. M. and 11 55 P. M.
Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon—
A. M.—Week Days—5 55, 6 25, 6 55, 7 25, 7 55, 8 25, 8 55, 9 25, 9 55, 10 25, 10 55, 11 25, 11 55.
P. M.—12 25, 12 55, 1 25, 1 55, 2 25, 2 55, 3 25, 3 55, 4 25, 4 55, 5 25, 5 55, 6 25, 6 55, 7 25, 8 25, 8 55, 9 25, 9 55, 10 25, 10 55, 11 25, 11 55.
Sundays as above except 8 25 and 8 55 A. M. and 11 55 P. M.

Washington Southern Ry.

Schedule in effect Nov. 12 1916.

For Washington and points north daily 8:08, 8:23, 8:33 a.m 12:01, 12:18 12:23, 2:30, (through train for New York, via P. R. R.) 5:14, 6:23, 8:23, 11:33 p. m.

For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:52 (local) and 11:47, a. m. 12:16, 3:32, 3:32, 5:1[illegible] (local) 7:02, 9:47 p. m. daily.

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FANCY SMALL LEAN HAMS, per lb.	22
COLORADO BEANS, per quart	18
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Choice Mixed Candies, Pound	15 and 20c
Atmore's (seedless) Mincemeat, Pound	12½c
Atmore's Plum Pudding, tin	25c
Heinz Plum Pudding, tin	30c
Sun-Maid Raisins	12c
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Where Some of Them Originated

The use of evergreens at Christmas comes from the Romans, who thus ornamented their temples during the feast of Saturn, while ivy was universally used in feasts in honor of Bacchus. The ancient Druids hung green branches and mistletoe over their doors as a propitiation to woodland sprites; they used also to cut green trees and carry them into their houses to protect the spirits of the forest and streams from the death dealing winds, thinking the spirits, thus protected, would go forth in the spring to recloth the forests with beautiful foliage and unlock the ice bound streams.

A survival of this superstition was found among the English peasantry not more than 200 years ago. They hung evergreens in their cottages in the belief that they would attract spirites and the the boughs would remain unnipped by the frosts and furnish a shelter for the woodland deities. "Standard trees" in the city were orignially "nailed fule of holme and ivy," showing that the external aspect of Christmastide was a public concern in the days of our ancestors.

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CHRISTMAS HOLLY.

Where Large Quantities of it Come From.

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No part of the country perhaps can claim a monopoly of the natural beauties of the Christmas season. There is a glow about the Christmas season in that semi-southern country that is not found in the colder north. It may be the glow of externals only, but it appeals to the eye and to the sympathy. Out of doors there are contrasts in the Potomac region that are not found farther north except in the sections where the evergreens abound. The mountains are white topped, and below them in the valley are the dead greens of the holly, the laurel and the wild honeysuckle and the dark browns of the oaks, whose leaves do not fall until spring comes.

Germany defends the sinking of the American steamer Columbia by claiming that the vessel sent out S. O. S. calls upon being released and gave position of submarine.

AUTO-TRAIN CRASH FATAL.

One of Trio Dies of Fractured Skull on Way to Hospital.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 19.—David F. Lynch, aged 23, of Clarksburg, W. Va., was killed and Clarence Taylor, and Albert Cairns, both of McDonald, were injured when an automobile driven by Taylor crashed into a Panhandle passenger train near the McDonald station, Sunday morning. Taylor failed to see the train in time because of blinding snow. Lynch, who had suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries, died on the train on the way to Mercy Hospital here.

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Those having personal needs to supply or gift furs to buy will save splendidly by heeding our BEFORE XMAS OVERSTOCKED SALE.

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Our Chocolate Candies ..... 23c a pound, 5 lbs. for $1.00
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